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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 4575F/ACH/JAK	FOR FURTHER ACTION		see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.
International application No. PCT/GB 99/ 03984	International filing date (day/month/year) 30/11/1999	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 01/12/1998	
Applicant PILKINGTON PLC, et al.			

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 3 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

a. With regard to the language, the International search was carried out on the basis of the International application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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2. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).

3. ☐ Unity of invention is lacking (see Box II).

4. With regard to the title,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the abstract,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this International search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

☒ as suggested by the applicant.

☐ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention.

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☐ None of the figures.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 C03C17/36

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 C03C

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

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MC - L01-H05 L01-L02
PA - (NIPG) NIPPON SHEET GLASS CO LTD
PN - JP63100043 A 19880502 DW198823 005pp
PR - JP19860244777 19861015
XA - C1988-071083
XIC - C03C-017/36
AB - J63100043 Glass comprises a glass support, and a thin metal layer, e.g., of Au, Ag, etc. or a thin laminated layer of metal layer and high refractive index layer, e.g., TiO₂, Ta₂O₅ etc., formed on it. A primer comprising oxide(s) or nitride(s) of Si and/or Al is formed between the thin layer and the glass support.
- ADVANTAGE - Little effect on the glass characteristics, e.g., visible transparency, thermal reflectivity etc. even after electric heating.(0/2)
IW - THERMAL REFLECT GLASS AUTOMOBILE WINDSCREEN THIN METAL LAYER GOLD THIN LAMINATE METAL HIGH REFRACT INDEX COMPOUND TITANIUM DI OXIDE NITRIDE PRIME LAYER
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NC - 001
OPD - 1986-10-15
ORD - 1988-05-02
PAW - (NIPG) NIPPON SHEET GLASS CO LTD
TI - Thermally reflecting glass for e.g. automobile windscreen - has thin metal layer e.g. gold or thin laminate of metal and high refractive index cpd. e.g. titanium di:oxide, and nitride primer layer

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115:285686f **Manufacture of mirrors.** Ito, Hiroshi; Sasaki, Shiro (Asahi Optical Co., Ltd.) Jpn. Kokai Tokkyo Koho JP 03,126,644 [91,126,644] (Cl. C03C17/36), 29 May 1991, Appl. 89/267,218, 12 Oct 1989; 6 pp. The mirrors are manufd. by coating glass substrates with SiO₂ as base layer and Al as surface layer. The SiO₂ layer has a thickness 25-30 nm at ~20°, and is formed at decreasing coating rate for a total coating time of 40-60 s, and the Al layer is coated at 20-50° in 3-6 min to give total reflection. Mirrors prepd. by this method are uniformly coated and have no light-scattering pots.


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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC C03C17/36		
Applicant PILKINGTON PLC et al.		
<p>1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).</p> <p>These annexes consist of a total of sheets.</p>		
<p>3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the report II <input type="checkbox"/> Priority III <input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability IV <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement VI <input type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited VII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application VIII <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application 		
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International application No. PCT/GB99/03984

I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of *(substitute sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).):*

Description, pages:

1-9 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-37 as originally filed

Drawings, sheets:

1/1 as originally filed

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

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4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages:
- ☐ the claims, Nos.:

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☐ the drawings, sheets:

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims	1-37 yes
	No:	Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims	1-37 yes
	No:	Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims	1-37 yes
	No:	Claims	

2. Citations and explanations
see separate sheet

VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:
see separate sheet

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EXAMINATION REPORT - SEPARATE SHEET**

International application No. PCT/GB99/03984

1) Reference is made to the following documents:

D1 EP-A-0275662

D2 EP-A-0543077

D3 DATABASE WPI section Ch, week 198823, Derwent Publications Ltd. London
GB, AN 1988-158891

D4 EP-A-0583871

D5 CHEMICAL ABSTRACTS, vol. 115, no. 26, 30 December 1991, abstr. no. 285686f.

SECTION V

2) The applicant's arguments are convincing:

The present application fulfills the requirements of Articles 33(2) and (3) PCT :

None of the cited prior art documents discloses nor gives any hint to a process for the production of a heat-treatable, low emissivity coated glass as claimed in claim 1 of the present application (pyrolytic & vacuum deposition), nor to the multilayer coated substrate produced by this process, as claimed in claims 21 and 34 of the present application.

The cited prior art documents differ essentially from the claimed subject-matter of the present application in that none of them discloses all features of claims 1, 21 or 34 of the present application and as they relate to totally different subject-matters the person skilled in the art would also, even if combining them, not arrive at the subject-matter of the present application ;

the cited prior art documents differ from the claimed subject-matter in that

D1 no disclosure of a 2nd layer, nor any hint as regards a vacuum deposition;

D2 relates in contrast to present applic. only to sputtering layers, no disclosure of a pyrolytic nor a vacuum deposition;

D3 although disclosing the same layer composition as in the present application, does not disclose the combination of pyrolytic and vacuum deposition of layers, D3 is silent about the deposition method/s used; accordingly the person skilled in the art does not get any hint as to use these deposition methods of the present applic. from D3;

D4 relates (in contrast to present applic.) to mirrors, D4 does not disclose the pyrolytic deposition of the underlayer nor the vacuum deposition of the reflective layer;

D5 relates (in contrast to present applic.) to mirrors, D5 does not disclose a pyrolytic deposition of the under layer.

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SECTION VIII

3a) It is noted that claims 34-36 of the present application do not contain all essential features of the present application (compare description page 1, last paragraph to page 2, 1st. paragraph) and thus these claims do not fulfil the requirements of Article 6 PCT.

3b) It is noted that due to the undefined wording of claim 37 ((i) process not defined and ii) reference to examples 1-4) renders the meaning of claim 37 vague and thus claim 37 does not fulfil the requirements of Article 6 PCT.

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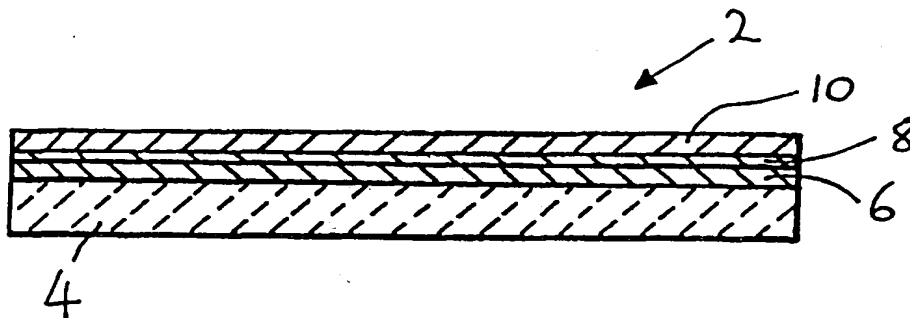
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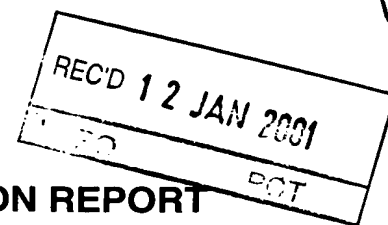
(57) Abstract

A process for the production of a heat-treatable low emissivity coated glass that comprises the steps of depositing an underlayer onto a glass substrate and subsequently depositing a reflective metal layer by a vacuum deposition process, wherein the underlayer is deposited by a pyrolytic deposition process. Preferably an anti-reflection layer is deposited by a vacuum deposition process on to the coated glass after deposition of the reflective metal layer. The underlayer may comprise a silicon oxide, the reflective metal layer may comprise silver and the anti-reflection layer may comprise a metal oxide, especially tin oxide or zinc oxide. The coated glass preferably has an emissivity of below 0.2 after heat treatment in an oxidising atmosphere.

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